

LABOR HERE PLANS BIG RECALL FIGHT

Direct Attack in Injunctions in Teamsters and Garment Strikes.

750,000 WORKERS TO AID

Campaign of Education Will Be Carried on Through Mass Meetings.

PICKETING ALSO ISSUE

Central Trades and Labor Council to Wage War All Over the State.

The Central Trades and Labor Council, the largest organization of the sort in the United States and representing 750,000 union workers, issued a statement last night announcing it had prepared plans for a Statewide campaign against the "abuse of the injunctive powers of our courts by the issuance of unfair and confiscatory injunctions by judges who have shown by their acts they are opposed to organized labor."

The first definite action of the campaign, which will be waged under the direction of the council's executive committee, will be a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden within the next three weeks, which every union man in New York will be asked to attend.

\$1,000,000 Damage Suit.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement that the Central Trades and Labor Council would campaign against the issuance of injunctions by justices, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers served papers and applied for an injunction in a suit for \$1,000,000 damages against the Clothing Manufacturers' Association of New York and several of its individual members. The complaint, served on Irving Crane, secretary of the association, charged the manufacturers with violence, with boycotting labor and with conspiring with other manufacturers in the city of New York to do likewise, "and with making false and defamatory statements" against the union. The complaint will be filed with the Supreme Court as soon as copies have been served on all of the defendants.

The injunction, application for which was made before Justice Delehanty, in the Supreme Court, while he was hearing brief arguments in the action brought by clothing manufacturers to dissolve the Amalgamated, is asked to restrain the manufacturers from alleged assaults on members of the union, from publishing false and defamatory statements, from seeking to dissolve the union, from falsely arresting members and seeking to have them indicted, and from doing various other things "unfair to the union." The application was signed by Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated.

Charges Sovietism.

Harry A. Gordon, counsel for the Clothing Manufacturers' Association, said last night that the purpose of the union's suit is to obtain the court's cooperation in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' of America movement to establish Sovietism in industry. He said that the manufacturers are ready to proceed to trial at once in the case, if the Amalgamated will consent to go to immediate trial in the dissolution suit pending against it. From Rochester, Sidney Hillman, president of the union, issued a statement in which he declared that the action of the union in bringing the suit "speaks for itself."

"It is time," he said, "that organized labor sought through court proceedings to protect its rights under the law. They have been too long neglected."

The statement of the council said that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, would cooperate with the organization in the fight, and that the New York State Federation of Labor also will be asked to aid. The statement said the decision which will engage the first efforts of the campaign will be directed against the decisions recently handed down by Justice Callaghan in the coastwise strike case, Justice Faber in the teamsters' case and Justice Newberger, Erlanger and Van Dusen in the garment workers' cases. The council proposes to take at least two of these cases to the higher courts.

The plans formulated by the council's executive committee provide for a campaign of education among the various local unions of all classes of workers. Special committees will be formed to take the question into the unions and "educate the members to the dangers that surround the abuse of the injunctive power." Committees will also go into the various Assembly districts throughout the greater city to hold mass meetings and "to bring home the truth to the public at large."

"A general movement for the adoption of the initiative and referendum and the recall is urged at all times," the statement said.

Support by Labor Group.

The Garden mass meeting will be addressed by national and State labor leaders and by jurists who have disagreed with the actions of the courts in issuing injunctions against strikes and picketing. The labor groups affiliated with the council were said last night to have placed virtually their entire resources at the disposal of the executive committee, and have given permission to use them in the campaign against the decisions.

The executive committee of the council hopes to obtain to-day the approval and cooperation of the State Federation of Labor, which will meet in Albany this morning and afternoon. A committee from the council will attend the meeting and present resolutions which the State Federation will be asked to adopt. The details of the campaign are being worked out by a special committee composed of William F. Kahoe, J. P. Coughlin, James J. Costello, Thomas J. Curtis, Joseph McDonald, Joseph P. Ryan, Ralph Behling and Jerome B. Keating.

REJECT PENNSY WAGE CUT.

Shop Crafts Employees Balk at 22 Per Cent. Reduction.

PITTSBURGH, April 12.—Representatives of the shop crafts employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day notified the managers' committee of the road that the proposed wage cut of 22 per cent. had been rejected.

Employees affected number approximately 14,000 men, who at present are receiving on the average eighty-five cents an hour. The employees' representatives have had the proposal for a wage reduction under advisement for more than a week.

CUTS OF 20 TO 40 PER CENT. BY AMERICAN SMELTING CO.

Labor to Get Heaviest Reduction Because of Great Wage Expansion in War Emergency—Executive Force of 1,500 Included in Order.

The salaries of the American Smelting and Refining Company will receive a 20 per cent. cut in pay, and wages of laboring classes between 20 and 40 per cent., effective June 1, it was learned officially here last night.

Fifteen hundred members of the executive force, whose annual salaries total \$2,500,000, are affected by the 20 per cent. decrease. Approximately 12,000 wage earners are affected by the larger decrease, which, it was pointed out, is based on the high wages paid during the war emergency.

The 20 per cent. reduction will be applicable, it was said, to "every one from President Simon Guggenheim down," and would include managers, superintendents, assistant superintendents and others in less responsible executive positions.

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INCREASE IN BUILDING FORECAST FROM STEEL CUT

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served that many people appeared to be waiting for the market to drop before entering upon large building enterprises," he said. "Whether these reductions will bring them all in, I don't know, but they certainly should bring some of them in."

Hugh S. Robertson, president of Todd, Irons & Robertson, said that although the matter of reductions had been discussed by him with his business associates, he did not desire to venture an opinion regarding the effect they would have.

Otto M. Eidlitz, president of Marc Eidlitz & Son, Inc., and one of the dominating figures in the Building Trades Employers Association, said he did not look for any sudden spurt in the building business as a result of the lower prices.

INDEPENDENT HAILS

REDUCTION IN STEEL

New Move Will Stabilize Market, He Says.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PITTSBURGH, April 12.—In commenting on the reduction of \$7 a ton by the United States Steel Corporation, Walter Meub, secretary of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, said to-night:

"That is good news. Such a reduction will undoubtedly help to stabilize the steel market. The independent steel makers' prices have for some time been from \$7 to \$12 a ton less for steel than the corporations, particularly on plates and sheets."

"Reducing prices by the Steel Corporation will probably bring out some business that has been held in abeyance. Selling schedules of independents and the Steel Corporation are more nearly equalized now, and whether there will be further reductions by the independents I cannot tell."

BUILDING TRADES
ACT ON WARNING

Conditions Improve Since Attorney-General's Notice.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Marked improvement in conditions in the building trades throughout the country, Attorney-General Daugherty said to-day, has been shown since his "modest but emphatic warning" of last week against illegal practices.

There is an improvement everywhere, he declared, adding that the department was "surprised and delighted" with the

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For the most part, the Attorney-General said, it would appear that the Department was receiving the outside help it asked for in remedying the evils of price fixing and illegal combinations in the building industry. It would seem, he asserted, that the Government would be able to get along with the request that these practices be discontinued, although there might be some prosecutions and some civil suits.

Discussing the building situation throughout the country, the Attorney-General declared there had been "locking eyes in these prices" to a certain extent in all cities. The department's investigation is being pushed, he said, and special attorneys will be sent to assist the district attorneys in the localities where needed.

STEEL INDEPENDENTS

NOT MUCH AFFECTED

Youngstown Men Discuss Action of U. S. Steel Corporation

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 12.—That the independent steel companies will be little affected by the action of the United States Steel Corporation in cutting prices was the opinion expressed here to-night. Heads of Mahoning Valley steel corporations refrained from definite predictions pending more complete data and study of the effect upon various kinds of steel.

"I think, myself, it will make things better," said J. H. Grose, president of Brier Hill Steel Company.

"The trade has been expecting the steel corporation to do something and should be convinced prices have reached the rock bottom. I think the cut has been generally expected," said T. J. Bray, president of the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

"I do not believe it will have any effect upon independents. That brings it down to about their level. If there is any immediate change in prices," said Jonathan Warner, president of the Trumbull Steel Company. "I think it will be up rather than down, because most people are operating at a loss to-day."

LEHIGH MEN REFUSE CUT.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 12.—Representatives of skilled labor in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to-day notified General Manager J. P. McGuire of their non-acceptance of the reduction of wages offered by the company yesterday. Arrangements are being made to submit the question to the Labor Board for decision.

DAVIS WARNS LABOR TO DEAL SQUARELY

Larger Profits for Farmers Through Lower Shipping Rates Urged.

MUST KEEP A BALANCE

Get Together Policy Between Employers and Workers Suggested.

CHICAGO, April 12.—A plea for a square deal for capital, a decent living wage for labor, larger profits for farmers through lower railroad shipping rates and settlement of all industrial disputes through conferences between employer and employee with the golden rule as the basis of settlement was made to-night by James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, in an address before the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Davis warned labor that if it is to take a share in the policies of the nation it also must take a share in the nation's responsibilities, and declared that labor must see that transportation conditions were such that the farmer could make a fair profit.

"From time to time the large employers of labor, and some of them justly so, have been made the football of muckrakers," said Secretary Davis. "They have been painted in every color save that of the lily, and when they have striven to give their side of the case they have been charged with the dread crime of propaganda, as though the employers as well as the employees, hadn't a right to present their differences without being showered with charges."

"It is a great deal better for labor and capital to get together and settle their own differences and I am sure they will reach an agreement much easier than by having the Secretary of Labor or any one else adjust their differences."

"Give the men and women a decent living wage. The way to make a loyal American is to make America mean something to him in the way of a happy home, family circle, food, clothing and self-respect."

"Labor for generations has been fighting a defensive fight for its rights. Now it has reached the stage where it proposes to take a share in the direction of the policies of the nation. Its viewpoint must become constructive."

"The farmer markets his labor in the form of food and at present at very low prices. The farmer will not continue his food production on that basis. The workers of this nation must recognize this situation and what it means to labor if it is not corrected. They must see to it that transportation charges are so adjusted that the farmer's product must reach its normal market without incurring an expense so great as to eliminate the possibility of an adequate return to the producer. They must recognize the fundamental equality of the labor that enters into food production and that which enters into manufacture, commerce and industry."

TO GUARD WAGE WORKERS.

Four Railway Brotherhoods Join Against Inimical Legislation.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The four brotherhoods of railway employees have joined forces with the American Federation of Labor "to defeat legislation inimical to the rights of wage workers," said a statement given out to-day by the Federation of Labor after a conference of leaders, in which bills pending before Congress were discussed.

A committee of the American Federation of Labor and the unaffiliated brotherhoods was organized to consider labor legislation and to report at a meeting of the general conference later.

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UNION WINS ITS RIGHT TO MAINTAIN PICKETS

Garment Firm Accused Members of Violence.

Supreme Court Justice Delehanty denied yesterday a motion to restrain the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union from picketing the plant of Borgenicht & Sons Co., dress manufacturers, of 1115 Broadway. He based his decision on the ground no facts were alleged to show the union or any of its officers committed the unlawful acts complained of, and that if they were committed they were by officers or members of certain locals.

"Our courts have repeatedly held that under the circumstances presented the parent body may not be held responsible for any unlawful acts of the affiliated locals unless it promotes or ratifies the same, and no such proof is submitted," the opinion said. "Furthermore, I am not impressed with the plaintiff's good faith, it appearing that the sole cause of the strike in question was due to the plaintiff discharging its union employees in violation of a contractual obligation."



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